

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body, for which the magnitude of ~~a tightening force~~ the tightening portion's resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion runs from above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, extending left and right passing above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body, and downwards ~~along the outer sides of the left and right thighs to the vicinities of~~ to a position overlying the left and right greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body, and the ~~tightening force~~ the tightening portion's resistance to stretching in the direction in which the tightening portion runs is made to be lower than ~~the tightening force~~ the tightening portion's resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening portion overlies.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of tightening portions in an area fitting over a wearer's body, for which the magnitude of ~~a tightening force~~ the tightening portions' resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein when the garment is being worn, each of the ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of tightening portions runs from ~~the vicinity of a~~ a position overlying one of the left and right greater trochanter at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body upwards ~~along the outer thigh~~ to above one of the left and right buttock of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the ~~tightening force~~ the tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of tightening portions run is made to be

lower than ~~the tightening force~~ the tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which each of the tightening portions overlie.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portion further runs from ~~the vicinities of the position overlying~~ the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portions further run from ~~the vicinities of the position overlying~~ the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion has a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening portion overlies.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portions have a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening portions overlie.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar region and a right lumbar region of the wearer's body, the tightening portion is

forked upward ~~to the front and the rear~~ to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from ~~the vicinities of the position overlying~~ the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters ~~of the wearer's body~~ to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft ~~of the wearer's body~~, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters ~~of the wearer's body~~ upward.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar region and a right lumbar region ~~of the wearer's body~~, the tightening portions are forked upward ~~to the front and the rear~~ to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from ~~the vicinities of the position overlying~~ the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters ~~of the wearer's body~~ to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft ~~of the wearer's body~~, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters ~~of the wearer's body~~ upward.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein a ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portion in front of the tightening portion in the lumbar region on the left and the right ~~of the wearer's body~~, and ~~the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching~~ the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than ~~the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching~~ the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein a ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portions in front of

the tightening portions in the lumbar region on the left and the right of the wearer's body, and the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the ~~left/right~~ left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the tightening force in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body;

and supplementary tightening portions for which the magnitude of a ~~tightening force~~ the tightening portion's and the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein the tightening portion runs from ~~the vicinities of a position overlying~~ the left and right greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body upwards along the outer sides of the left and right thighs to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body when the garment is being worn, and the supplementary tightening portions are provided along the tightening portions in front of the tightening portion;

and ~~the tightening force~~ the resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the tightening portion and the supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than ~~the tightening force~~ the resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening portion and each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 9, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as

to broaden ~~in a downward direction~~ as the supplementary tightening portions run downward along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 10, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as to broaden ~~in a downward direction~~ narrow as the supplementary tightening portions run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as to broaden ~~in a downward direction~~ narrow as the supplementary tightening portions run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material having a ~~tightening-force~~ resistance to stretching, and runs ~~from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body~~, upward to the left and right ~~from above the crotch in the front center~~ when the garment is being worn.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material having a ~~tightening-force~~ resistance to stretching, and runs ~~from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body~~, upward to the left and right ~~from above the crotch in the front center~~ when the garment is being worn.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material having a ~~tightening-force~~ resistance to stretching, and

runs ~~from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body~~, upward to the left and right ~~from above the crotch in the front center~~ when the garment is being worn.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is ~~belt-shaped~~ has an approximately constant width.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions ~~are belt-shaped~~ have an approximately constant width.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion is ~~belt-shaped~~ has an approximately constant width.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is formed ~~through power change~~ in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting warp-knitted fabric.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions are formed ~~through power change~~ in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting warp-knitted fabric.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion is formed ~~through power change~~ in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting warp-knitted fabric.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the garment is any of a girdle, spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, ~~or men's pants, tights or spats.~~

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the garment is any of a girdle, spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, ~~or men's pants, tights or spats.~~

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the garment is any of a girdle, spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, ~~or men's pants, tights or spats.~~